

WASHINGTON DC - Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) released the following statement today in recognition of Labor Day:

"Today, Labor Day continues to serve as a day to celebrate the hard work that has made this country the most productive and prosperous nation in the world. Our observance of this holiday also reminds us that the struggles of working Americans are far from over. Despite our nation's leadership in the global economy, the recession we have sustained for nearly two years has taken a significant toll on millions of American workers. Indicators suggest that the economy is on the road to recovery, but with jobs as the final piece to fall into place, many workers today continue to live under financial hardship.

"That reality is made clear in the struggles that American working families have in affording quality health care coverage. The economic downturn has exposed the worst of our health care system and the uncertainty that many Americans have when it comes to health care coverage for them and their families. That is why reforming our health insurance system to provide quality affordable health care that you can always count on is so critical.

"America's workers are the lifeblood of our nation, and their hard work, innovation, creativity, energy, and determination has made our country as strong as it is today. It is our responsibility to provide the necessary resources to empower the American worker so that they have the highest quality of life and standard of living. In my opinion, that is how we can best observe the Labor Day holiday."

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